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1. BELIEVE GABON WOULD RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO FRENCH
INVITATION TO ATTEND "FRIENDS OF CHAD" MEETING IN
PARIS. AS REPORTED NDJAMENA 2186 AND LIBREVILLE 1652,
GOG HAS ALREADY SENT TWO AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS TO

ASSIST GOC, AND MIGHT BE PREPARED TO INCREASE LEVEL OF ITS ASSISTANCE IF OFFERED CONVENIENT MULTILATERAL UMBRELLA UNDER WHICH TO DO SO.

2. ONLY POSSIBLE CONSTRAINTS ON PRESIDENT BONGO'S FREEDOM TO ACT IN FULL SUPPORT OF GOC ARE HIS ROLE AS OAU CHAIRMAN AND GABONESE MEMBERSHIP ON AD HOC COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED AT OAU SUMMIT TO INVESTIGATE AND PERHAPS MEDIATE CHAD-LIBYA DISPUTE (LIBREVILLE 1696). BECAUSE OF THIS DUAL RESPONSIBILITY, BONGO MAY FEEL NEED TO PRESERVE PUBLIC POSTURE OF RELATIVE NEUTRALITY, EVEN WHILE PROVIDING PRIVATE SUPPORT TO GOC.

3. IN ADDITION TO GABON, MEMBERS OF OAU AD HOC COMMITTEE ARE SENEGAL, ALGERIA, NIGERIA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND CAMEROON. STEIGMAN

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